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LETTER DATED 17 JUNE 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Enclosed herewith is a statement made on 17 June 1994 by the Official Spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea nuclear issue.

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its enclosure were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. H. ANSARI
Ambassador
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Annex

Statement dated 17 June 1994 by the Spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs of India

We have been closely following the developments in the Korean peninsula. We trust that all the parties concerned will exercise the maximum restraint so that peace and tranquillity can be maintained in the region, and existing tensions can be eliminated.

We follow with great interest the current mission being undertaken by former President Jimmy Carter of the United States of America and hope that the positive first steps which have been achieved can be further built upon.

India abstained on the resolution adopted by the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency last week, our view being that punitive measures adopted in the United Nations or elsewhere could exacerbate matters at this stage, making a resolution of the issues more difficult. We hope that negotiations will continue, through which a way will be found to peacefully resolve this crisis.

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